

## B. Claim Listing

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) An account management system for sharing airtime balances among a plurality of communication accounts within a communication system, the account management system comprising:

an account management server for storing and operating on [[a]] the plurality of communication accounts, each communication account including account user information and an account airtime balance comprising a measurement of communication time for utilizing the communication system,

wherein the account management server is configured to transfer at least a portion of an account airtime balance associated with a first account to a second account.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the account user information comprising a plurality of shared users.

3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the account airtime balance comprises a total balance.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the account airtime balance comprises a plurality of balances for different account services.

5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the account airtime balance comprises a financial equivalent of communication time.
6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the account management server converts communication time measurements into financial equivalents.
7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the account management server tracks usage of each of the plurality of communication accounts and decrements the associated account airtime balance as required.
8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the account management server increments the associated account airtime balance of the communication account as credits are received for that communication account.
9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the account management server increments an account airtime balance in response to receipt of one or more of: a bank credit, an airtime credit purchase, an account payment, and other financial input.
10. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein each communication account further includes account authorization information for accessing the communication account and utilizing the account airtime balance.

11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10, wherein the account authorization comprises one or more of a password, voice recognition, and system recognition.
12. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein authorization comprises over-the-air authorization when a communication device is authenticated for use.
13. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein authorization comprises keypad inputs recognized by the account management server.
14. (Original) The system of claim 10, further comprising a transaction point operatively coupled to the account management server for allowing users to manage various accounts.
15. (Currently Amended) An account management method for sharing airtime balances among a plurality of communication accounts within a communication system, the account management method comprising:  
storing a plurality of communication accounts for operating within a communication system, each communication account including account user information and an account airtime balance comprising a measurement of communication time for utilizing the communication system; and

transferring of at least a portion of an account airtime balance associated with a first account to a second account.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising authorizing accessing [[an]] a communication account for utilizing the account airtime balance.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein authorizing comprises over-the-air authorization when a communication device is authenticated for use.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein authorizing comprises recognizing keypad inputs.

19. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having instructions stored thereon, which, when executed by a processor within an account management server within a communication system, cause the processor to:

store and operate on a plurality of communication accounts, each communication account including account user information and an account airtime balance comprising a measurement of communication time for utilizing the communication system; and

authorize a transfer of at least a portion of an account airtime balance associated with a first account to a second account.

20. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the computer-readable medium comprises at least one of a disk and a device.